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1. The Soviet Danube fleet, which is usually stationed at the Kuchelau Harbor in Vienna XVI, was engaged in firing practice during June between Kuchelau and the 1978-km. mark on the Danube. The fleet consists of some 12 to 16 motor gunboats, two command ships, two barrack ships, and one fuel ship.
2. Three small Soviet Navy patrol boats with mine-laying equipment and light machine guns were in the Korneuburg shipyards. The Meszhart ship Haladás and one ship belonging to Sovromtransport were also there for repairs. The SS Astrakhan left Korneuburg early in July 1951 after undergoing repairs for a year.
3. The 141st Armored Motor Regiment (? - text reads "Panzer monitor regiment") is located at Gönyű (Y 55) in Hungary. Approximately 3,000 sailors are said to be in training at this place. The unit has a large ship equipped with two 105-mm. guns. Two Hungarian armored motorboats have been seen at Gönyű; these are steel boats about 25 meters long, used as mine-layers and patrol craft. There are also two or three wooden boats about 12 to 15 meters long.
4. In a large forest near Ácskocsanád (about five miles north of Baja) there is a new army camp, constructed since March 1951, where some ten or twelve thousand Hungarian troops are stationed. The camp consists at present of wooden barracks and tents. On the bank of the Danube near by there are about 150 small wooden paddle boats with a capacity of six to eight men each.
5. There is Hungarian infantry also in a smaller camp begun since March 1951 in the woods near Solt (N 34). On the Danube near Solt combat engineer equipment has been seen, as well as four boats resembling an American LCVP, two Hungarian wooden motorboats equipped for mine-laying, and 60-100 small wooden paddle boats.

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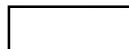
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6. A large combat engineer camp is located at Vac (II 65), Hungary. About 25 rubber boats and 60-70 wooden boats were observed on the banks of the Danube in this vicinity. At Dunaremete (Y 26) there is a tent camp; on the river bank there are small wooden paddle boats.
7. The Meszhart ship Baja, of 600 tons, with one 80-mm. gun, has been taken over by the Hungarian river forces as a navigation training ship. Its capacity is one company of soldiers.
8. In the Hungarian shipyards at Komarom, 20 tugs of a new type, with two propellers each, are under construction. Of these, 16 are to generate about 800 horsepower, the other four about 1,200 horsepower. The Meszhart tugs Szechenyi and Baross, both inactive since the war, are now under repair at Komarom.
9. Seagoing barges of 1,000 tons capacity, and wheel-driven tugs without propellers, are under construction for the Russians at Budapest. These are in addition to the 1,200-ton seagoing ships of which 24 have been built for the Russians since 1947 at the Ganz shipyard in Budapest.
10. Two sunken German landing craft which are under repair in the Meszhart shipyard, Ujpest, will be completed in September 1951.
11. Since the spring of 1951 SDGP tugs have been making the through trip from Ismail, Rumania, to Komarom, Hungary. Formerly the tugs worked only on short stretches of the Danube, then transferring their loads to other tugs.

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